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WILD WORLD

GBA seems to have abandoned project it had announced to build multi-specialty wildlife hospital at Bannerghatta Biological Park

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ON STANDBY

KSRTC rolls out new fleet of Accident Emergency Response Vehicles designed to function as mobile workshops to cut delays in key corridors

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Plastic waste carelessly dumped by unaware citizens in garbage hotspots at nooks and corners turns lethal in city that has at least 1.52 lakh cows and other livestock, some of which roam around looking for chow

WE'VE BITTEN OFF MORE THAN THEY CAN CHEW

Removal of 8 kg plastic from cow's stomach recently is 'wake-up call'

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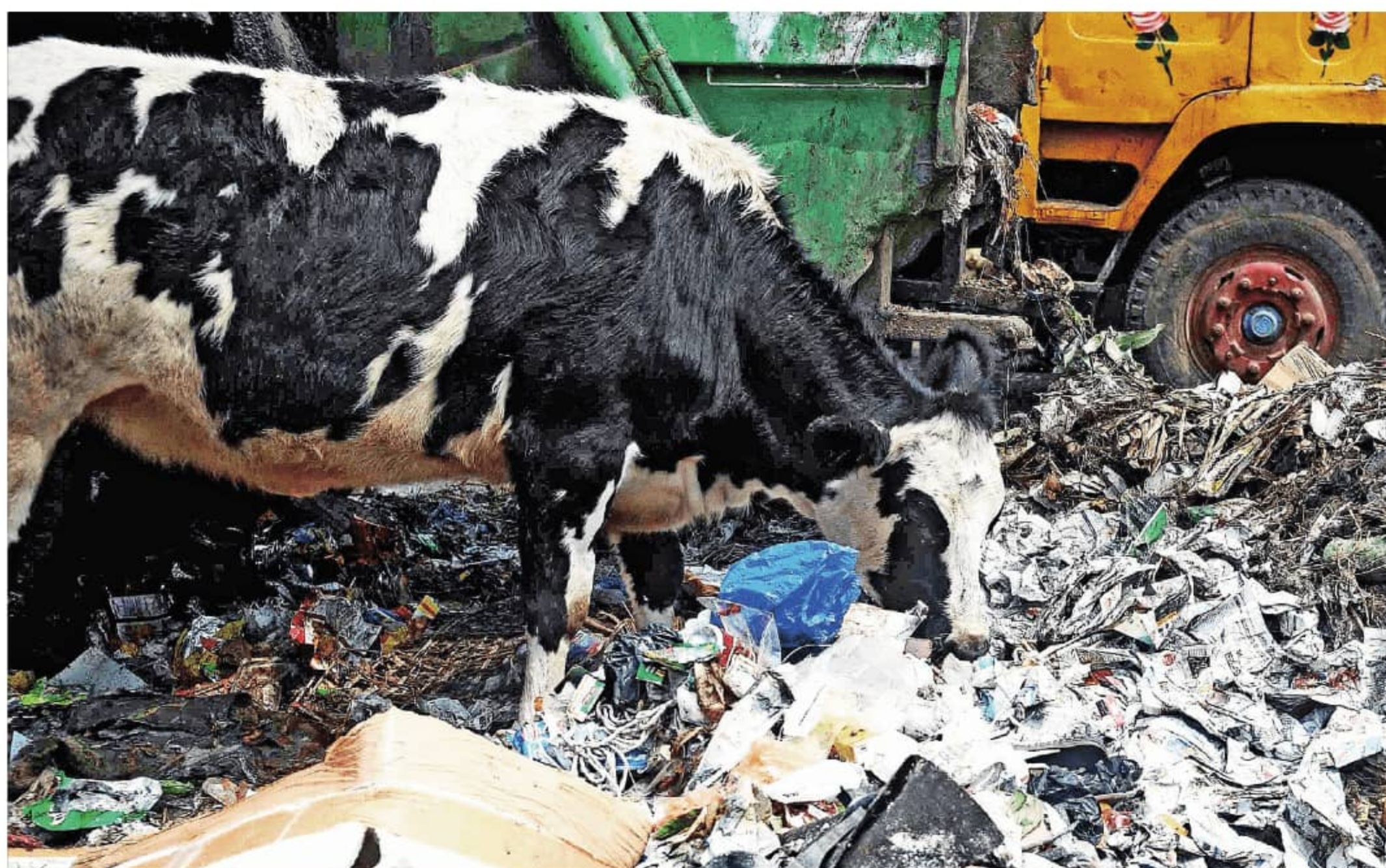
In a shocking case that highlights the growing menace of urban waste, veterinarians in Yelahanka's Marasandra area recently removed a staggering 8 kilograms of plastic from a cow's stomach. The animal had been suffering for nearly two weeks, unable to eat, and writhing in severe abdominal pain.

Such cases are no longer rare, revealing a deadly intersection of Bengaluru's twin urban problems: uncontrolled plastic waste and a rising population of stray cattle. Citizens and authorities are now confronted with a crisis that endangers both animal welfare and public safety.

Bengaluru's streets, often littered with household waste, leftover food wrapped in plastic, and improperly discarded dry and wet garbage, have become feeding grounds for stray cattle. The sight of cows, buffaloes, and bulls rummaging through heaps of trash is common, yet the dangers are largely ignored. The ingestion of plastic, used to wrap rotting food and leftovers, causes severe digestive blockages in animals.

Some cows suffer for days, unable to eat or pass waste, often leading

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“Each animal and human shares the city's ecosystem, and neglecting this balance risks escalating health hazards and tragic fatalities. Bengaluru's twin crisis of stray cattle and plastic waste has become a pressing public safety emergency

—Priya Kumar, animal rights activist

Where is the full refund?

Passengers of IndiGo impacted by flight cancellations take to social media after cancellation, convenience fees slashed from their refunds



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Social media platform X has been flooded with complaints from passengers after recent IndiGo flight cancellations, with many alleging that they did not receive full refunds despite the airline publicly promising them. Several flyers have claimed that cancellation charges and convenience fees were deducted from their refunds, leaving them frustrated and angry.

IndiGo had announced that passengers affected by the cancellations would be eligible for full refunds. However, many users who booked tickets through online travel agencies and aggregators said they were asked to contact these platforms to recover the remaining amount. Passengers argued that this process was unfair, as the cancellations were initiated by the airline, not by them.

A passenger from Tumakuru, who was scheduled to travel from Pune to Bengaluru, raised concerns on social media after a convenience fee was deducted despite the flight being cancelled. The passenger said they had paid a total fare of ₹6,113, but ₹450 was deducted from the refund. Tagging aggregators, the passenger questioned why the convenience fee was not returned despite clear instructions for full refunds, calling the deduction unfair and inconvenient.

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THINGS TO DO

01 Jam packed

Get ready for an unforgettable musical celebration as AP Dhillon, the ultimate force in music, brings a power-packed performance, in an immersive concert atmosphere that will leave fans spellbound.

Where: Embassy International Riding School, Papanahalli;

When: December 19, 6.30 pm



02 Holiday hope



Mannheim Craft Brewery is bringing Paws & Claus, a Christmas charity initiative dedicated to supporting the rehabilitation of paralysed and rescued dogs in Bengaluru.

Where: Mannheim Craft Brewery;

When: December 16, 4 pm

03 Urban echoes

Vir Das is set to take audiences on a nationwide audio-visual stand-up journey, weaving the vibrant sounds of everyday life into a celebration of the nation's subtle nuances.

Where: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte;

When: December 20, 21, 7.30 pm

04 Blooming hearts

Kalagangotri Team is presenting 'Sooji Mallige', a heartfelt social drama filled with emotion and values, narrating the tale of a couple—two lives intertwined, walking hand in hand through the journey of togetherness.

Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar;

When: December 31, 7.30 pm

05 Musical evening

Piyush Mishra will be performing live as part of the Aarambh 2.0 India Tour, redefining live performance by blending music, poetry, and theatre into an unforgettable experience.

Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield;

When: January 17, 7 pm



Wildlife hospital plan at BBP put on hold

Project status remains uncertain as there are jurisdictional issues, delay is mainly because it is said that BBP falls outside GBA's limits, says senior BBP official

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The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), has shelved its earlier announced project to build a multi-speciality wildlife hospital at Banerghatta Biological Park (BBP), BM has learned.

According to sources, the project has been struck down by the civic body's Finance Department over a jurisdictional matter.

"The hospital was planned in 2024 for Rs 11 crore. However, it is now shelved after the Finance Department declined the proposal. The main reason is that the proposed location is outside the civic body's jurisdiction," informed the source.

The project was announced nearly a year ago to provide much-needed care for injured non-domestic animals and to address the city's increasing wildlife rescue demands.

The multi-storey hospital building was expected to be constructed in 2025. As per the announcement, the hospital was expected to be equipped with the latest technological advances in veterinary science to treat non-domesticated animals such as snakes, monkeys, mongoose, birds, etc, that are more often than not, involved in road accidents on the city's roads.

BBP authorities say they are awaiting clarity on the project's timeline from GBA.

"As of now, we have no clar-



Hospital project was announced to address city's increasing wildlife rescue demands

City-based animal welfare workers say NGOs running wildlife hospitals are overflowing with patients, facility built by GBA and managed by BBP could have helped significantly

ity on the status of the project. BBP has enquired about the project to a senior GBA official, but we have been told the project is stuck with the Finance Department. We were told the delay is mainly because BBP falls outside GBA's limits. However, we will soon restart the conversation as all the animals that will be brought to the hospital will be

rescued within the city," said a senior BBP official.

City-based animal welfare workers say non-governmental organisations operating hospitals to treat wildlife in the city are overflowing with patients. A facility constructed by GBA and run by BBP would have plugged the gap in the rescue operation scene.

"All city-based NGOs that treat rescued animals have limited resources and capacity and are flooded with calls to rescue injured birds, monkeys, small mammals, and snakes from across the city. Private hospitals charge a lot of money for treatment and rehabilitation. Due to these reasons, rescue operations become difficult and unsustainable for many. A government-run multi-speciality hospital for animals is the need of the hour. With the project now shelved, we have lost an opportunity," said an animal welfare worker and a rescuer.

Distinctive employee-driven Kannada Rajyotsava celebration

Canarys Automation Limited, one of Bengaluru's longstanding IT firms, celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with a distinctive employee-driven event as hundreds of staff and their families gathered at Satya Sai Samskrutha Sadanam on Hosur Road on Saturday.

"We do not engage or assign outsiders other than our employees to celebrate Kannada Rajyotsava. We try to recruit non-Kannadigas, especially from rural areas, and help them learn Kannada language. We have been celebrating Kannada Rajyotsava for the last 17 years," said Canarys Automation Limited Chief Executive Officer Sheshadri Srinivas. He said the firm also organises classes to help non-Kannada employees learn and speak Kannada. "It will help them to converse in Kannada without any hurdles. We also issue certificates to non-Kannada speaking employees after they attend Kannada classes," said Srinivas.

The CEO noted that around 30 to 40 per cent of the organisation's employees are from other states.

Nagalakshmi S, Senior HR Executive of Canarys Automation Limited, said that the objective of arranging Kannada classes is to help non-Kannada-speaking employees learn to speak Kannada and use the language in daily interactions. Balaji Rajaram Naidu from Chennai, who recently joined Canarys Automation Limited, appreciated the firm's supportive atmosphere for non-Kannada-speaking employees. "I have already learnt a few Kannada words. I am confident about speaking Kannada fluently by next year," he said.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Padmaja, another employee, said that she joined the company four months ago. "I am from Bengaluru and can speak Kannada fluently. I am supporting and encouraging employees from neighbouring states to speak in Kannada. Our management has taken measures to help employees speak in Kannada as it will help them not only to interact with our clients but also in daily conversation," she said.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

60% students left out: Hostel crunch hits OBC, minority youth

Nearly 60 per cent of students from Other Backward Classes and minority communities are being denied hostel accommodation in Karnataka, exposing a severe mismatch between demand and capacity and pushing many to skip classes for weeks while chasing seats. From Class 5 to professional courses, the student base is close to one crore, but hostel facilities before and after matriculation together cover only about 2.8 lakh students. In the current academic year, 2.49 lakh applications were received for 2,659 BCM hostels, yet only 88,968 new students could be accommodated, leaving around 1.6

lakh students without hostel access.

The situation is no better for minority students. Across the state, there are only 405 minority hostels with sanctioned capacity for just 31,575 students. For 2025-26, around 1.3 lakh applications were filed, but seats were allotted to only 29,140 students, meaning nearly 78 per cent were turned away. While the government offers Rs 1,500 per month under the Vidyasiri scheme to students who do not get hostel seats, the benefit has not reached everyone. In 2024-25, although 1.16 lakh students were hostel-deprived, only 32,981 received the allowance.

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Police chalk out NYE party rules for pubs, clubs and PGs

Establishments to mandatorily maintain entry-exit records, ensure CCTV monitoring, inspect luggage



With New Year celebrations around the corner, city police are preparing to issue fresh guidelines for pubs, bars, restaurants and paying guest accommodations across Bengaluru. Police officials said detailed instructions will be shared with owners, and precautionary measures will be discussed in meetings to be held at the police station level in the coming days.

Station meetings

Inspectors of police stations will conduct local-level meetings with pub, club and PG owners, directing them to strictly follow safety-related instructions. Police have warned that failure to comply will invite action under the Karnataka Public Safety Act. The focus, officials said, will be on ensuring public safety and preventing untoward incidents during celebrations.

PG restrictions

PG owners have been instructed to maintain accurate records of entry and exit timings of residents. They have also been asked to gather information about terrace parties involving alcohol. In the wake of recent fire incidents at nightclubs in Goa, Fire Department officials have inspected pubs, bars and clubs across Bengaluru and the state, issuing safety advisories to owners. On New Year's Day, PGs have been told not to admit newcomers or unknown persons. Cake-cutting celebrations on roads in front of PGs have been banned. Men visiting women's PGs to extend New Year greetings will not be allowed. In case of any untoward incident inside PG premises, the responsibility will rest with the PG owner.

Owner liability

Police have issued strict instructions to pub, bar and restaurant owners to ensure adequate lighting and install high-quality CCTV cameras at event venues, with proper footage backup. Entry checks must be mandatory, including inspection of bags and luggage. Owners must ensure that no weapons, explo-

sives, ganja or other narcotic substances are brought inside.

Security checks

Separate entry and exit points must be created for customers, who should be screened using metal detectors. Entry must be denied to minors below 18 years. Organisers have also been asked to set up designated areas to manage heavily intoxicated persons.

Women's safety

Establishments have been directed to deploy women bouncers. Women who are found to be intoxicated and behaving inappropriately must be safely escorted home with the help of women bouncers. Owners have been instructed to record vehicle numbers and take photographs of drivers while arranging transport for women.

Clearances required

Police have warned that any criminal incident inside or around pubs, bars or restaurants will invite strict action against the owners. Organisers must obtain no-objection certificates from the police and relevant authorities before hosting events. Separate permission is mandatory for the use of loudspeakers.

City on high alert

Acting on advisories from central intelligence agencies, issued in the wake of recent incidents, including a bomb blast reported in Delhi, the City Police have intensified monitoring and enforcement across the city.

Vehicle checks at major junctions and arterial roads, erecting barricades and inspecting autos, cars, and two-wheelers. Officers are verifying documents, checking boot spaces, and keeping a close watch on the movement of narcotic substances. High-density areas such as MG Road, Brigade Road, Church Street, Koramangala 80 Feet Road, and Indiranagar 100 Feet Road have been placed under constant surveillance. Teams are also keeping an eye on drunken driving.

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Fake PSI and associates held for dacoity

The Vidyanarayana police have arrested four men, including a fake Police Sub-Inspector (PSI), for allegedly robbing a man living alone after posing as Crime Branch personnel and assaulting him at his residence in North Bengaluru.

The accused have been identified as Mallikarjun (27), Pramod (30), Vinay (36), all residents of Mathikere in Yeshwanthpur and Hrithvik, a resident of Bagalagunte.

Police said the prime accused, Mallikarjun, a native of Ballari district, had earlier prepared for the PSI recruitment examination but failed to secure selec-

tion. He later decided to impersonate a police officer to extort money. For this purpose, he procured accessories such as shoes and a belt and had a

CRIME FILES

police uniform stitched at a tailor shop in Kamakshipalya.

On the night of December 7, Mallikarjun, wearing a police uniform and carrying a baton, along with the other three accused, allegedly entered the house of Naveen, claiming to be police officials. They accused him of being involved in illegal activities and insisted on conducting a search of

the premises.

The gang allegedly robbed Rs 53,000 in cash, Rs 2,000 from his wallet, and forcibly transferred Rs 87,000 from his bank account to their own using his mobile phone, before fleeing the spot.

Following the incident, the victim lodged a complaint at Vidyanarayana Police Station. Based on CCTV footage and other leads, police arrested all four accused. During the operation, Rs 45,000 in cash, a car, and a two-wheeler used in the crime were recovered. Further investigation is in progress.

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Stray dog complaints go digital citywide

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The Greater Bangalore Authority (GBA) has rolled out an app to systematically track and manage stray dogs across the city. Five municipal zones have begun collecting detailed data on stray dog populations, while 1,533 helpline complaints are being logged directly into the app for faster response. NGOs and field staff responding to complaints receive complete information, including Google location data, and updates on actions taken are shared with complainants.



App supports sterilisation and vaccination drives citywide

Officials said the app also supports sterilisation and vaccination drives. Around 65% of stray dogs in the northern municipal zone have already been treated through ABC centres, which include 120 kennels, one isolation unit and one monitoring unit at Medi Agrahara, and 54 kennels with a monitoring unit at Dasarahalli. Hospitals in the zone currently stock 4,350 rabies vaccines, and repair works at ABC centres are being prioritised under existing funding. According to Bengaluru North Corporation Commissioner P Sunil Kumar, the app streamlines coordination, monitors areas, and enforces feeding controls.

100 days on, new city corporations find footing

Greater Bengaluru governance completes first 100 days, reforms initiated, infrastructure works awaited, branding decisions delayed

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The five newly created city corporations, formed to equip Bengaluru with infrastructure matching its IT city image, have completed 100 days in office, triggering cautious optimism among residents. Set up under the Greater Bengaluru Authority with the promise of a separate law, clear policies and a new administrative approach, the corporations have begun translating assurances into action, building public confidence. Senior officers were appointed to key positions to fast-track governance and, despite political criticism, several citizen focused measures promised within the first 100 days have been rolled out, earning the administration a passing assessment.

Sources said much of the early period was spent on system building, including staff deployment, file transfers and ward restructuring, completed in November. During this transition phase, tenders issued by the former Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike were temporarily put on hold. Fresh tendering has now begun for road works and other infrastructure projects, with the Authority assuring that on ground execution will start by January.

While plans to lay foundation stones for new corporation buildings have been deferred, funding support from the state government continues. Of the Rs 6,700 crore target, Rs 3,600 crore has been mobilised and Rs 750 crore collected since the new bodies came



Ward restructuring, staff deployment completed, BBMP tenders temporarily paused

Though revenue from sources such as advertisements and road cutting fees has dipped slightly, citizens look ahead to tangible improvements, especially in roads, waste management, street lighting, civic health facilities and faster service delivery

into existence. Though revenue from sources such as advertisements and road cutting fees has dipped slightly, citizens are looking ahead to tangible improvements, especially in roads, waste management, street lighting, civic health facilities and faster service delivery.

Logos, buildings yet to finalised

A new logo for the Greater Bengaluru Authority is being designed, modelled on the Karnataka Government emblem, for official communication, signage and name boards. The Greater

Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024 replaced BBMP with the Greater Bengaluru Authority on September 2, 2025, bringing five municipal corporations under its jurisdiction. Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar announced uniform logos and building designs would be unveiled on November 1 following a design competition for young architects. However, as November draws to a close, no final decision has been made on logos or building designs. Delays continue to draw attention from residents and observers.

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Road in front of a temple in HAL is partly encroached by vendors, posing a danger to pedestrians.

Air pollution Rajajinagar



Unscientific daily garbage burning near a hotel in 6th Block is causing severe breathing problems for residents.

Hawker menace Old Madras Road



Street hawkers on Old Madras Road, from KR Puram to Tin Factory, occupy one lane, reducing traffic flow from three lanes to two.

Accident response vehicles aim to reduce service delays

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In an effort to reduce service disruptions and improve emergency response during road accidents and breakdowns, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) on Saturday rolled out a new fleet of Accident Emergency Response Vehicles, designed to function as mobile workshops on key transport corridors.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy flagged off the first two such vehicles, which have been strategically stationed at central locations in Bengaluru and Mysuru. The initiative aims to ensure swift technical assistance to State-run buses involved in collisions or mechanical failures, particularly on high-traffic routes.

According to Reddy, the specially equipped vehicles will enable techni-



Ten additional units to expand coverage statewide, ensuring faster bus breakdown interventions

cal teams to reach stranded buses quickly, carry out on-site repairs, and restore services with minimal delay. Officials noted that frequent breakdowns or accidents on major stretches often lead to prolonged traffic congestion and inconvenience to commuters, especially on routes originating from Kempegowda Bus Stand and Mysuru Road Bus Stand, which serve large intra-State and inter-State services. Accident data highlights need

Transport experts point to persistent breakdowns and accidents to

justify the deployment of emergency response vehicles. The corporation operates over 8,300 buses, making nearly 85,000 trips daily, and has floated a tender for a real-time Vehicle Tracking and Monitoring System (VTMS) amid accident-related losses estimated at ₹100 crore annually. In 2022-23, KSRTC recorded 770 accidents, including 231 fatal cases, resulting in 1,323 injuries, compared with 494 accidents and 656 injuries in the previous year. Technical failures remain a concern, with 30 KSRTC buses reporting brake failure in Bengaluru in September alone.

Recent incidents include a head-on collision near Goluru village in Mysuru district in May 2025, which left over 35 passengers injured, and a hit-and-run in Hassan district that claimed the life of a KSRTC ticket inspector, highlighting ongoing safety challenges across the State. Not only fatal accidents, but a large number of non-fatal incidents

involving KSRTC buses over time have highlighted systemic issues such as drivers working extended hours, drink-and-drive violations, inadequate rest periods, and fatigue-related errors, all of which merit serious attention.

Operational features

KSRTC officials indicate that 10 additional units will be inducted by the end of January 2025, after which the service will be expanded across remaining districts in a phased manner to ensure statewide coverage. A senior KSRTC official explained the vehicle choice, saying the light commercial vehicle (LCV) pickups were selected for fuel efficiency, power output, and the ability to safely transport equipment.

Beyond repairs, the emergency units are equipped to assist in accident response, providing immediate support to crews and aiding in the transfer of injured passengers to medical facilities when necessary.

'Charge sheet alone not proof in accidents'

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that the mere filing of a charge sheet against the rider of an allegedly offending vehicle cannot, by itself, be treated as sufficient proof to accept a claimant's version of a road accident or to grant compensation.

The observation was made while dismissing an appeal filed by a claimant seeking enhancement of compensation in a motor accident case. The court found significant inconsistencies in the claimant's

account of how the accident occurred.

The claimant, Raghavendra, a resident of Thirthahalli taluk in Shivamogga district, had stated that the accident took place on September 15, 2013, near Sahyadri Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital at Arakere village in Shivamogga. A complaint was lodged nearly three months later, on December 10, 2013, by his father, Shyamu Shettigar, claiming



that Raghavendra was travelling as a pillion rider on a motorcycle ridden by his brother-in-law, Annappa, when another motorcycle rammed into them from behind.

Raghavendra later filed a claim petition before the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, asserting that he had suffered permanent disability assessed at 28 per cent to the whole body. In September 2019, the Shivamogga tribunal awarded

compensation of Rs 2.03 lakh, holding the owner of the other motorcycle and its insurer jointly liable.

Both sides challenged the tribunal's order. While Raghavendra sought a higher amount of compensation, the insurance company questioned the very involvement of its insured vehicle in the accident.

Justice Umesh M Adiga, after examining the evidence, observed that the claimant's testimony during

cross-examination cast serious doubt on his credibility.

The court noted that hospital records showed the claimant had informed doctors that he had slipped and fallen from the motorcycle. This, the judge observed, appeared to be the more credible version of events.

Finding that the tribunal had failed to properly appreciate the evidence, the High Court allowed the insurer's appeal, dismissed the claimant's plea and directed that any amount deposited by the insurance company pursuant to the tribunal's award be refunded. —BMB

Harmless bargain or cybercrime trap?

Scammers use cheap SIM cards sold without any scrutiny, as tools for cybercrime like financial fraud, digital arrests and more; rising cases reveal alarming trend



On a bustling footpath, stacks of SIM cards sold for peanuts and vendors touting free activation may seem harmless, but Karnataka's cybercrime unit warns these dirt-cheap deals come at a heavy cost. They are the perfect weapon for a new breed of scammer — one who can steal your identity, empty your account and vanish before the SIM is even fully verified.

Investigators say 18 cases this year alone trace back to these free or ultra-low-cost SIM cards handed out with barely any scrutiny. Fraudsters walk up to roadside kiosks with someone else's Aadhaar copy — often bought from photocopy shops for Rs 500 — and walk away with SIM cards activated in just 12 hours. The telecom companies, desperate for users, hardly blink. Once active, the SIM becomes an invisible mask. The scammer provides a different number for OTPs, and the telco delays full e-KYC for nearly a year — more than enough time to con innocent people by posing as police, CBI, or bank officials.

A police official said that the trick works

Citizens are urged to check SIMs linked to their Aadhaar through Sanchar Saathi application

because the number appears on caller ID apps with a local name and address. Victims believe they're speaking to legitimate authorities until their bank accounts are drained. Police say half of all digital arrest scams now begin this way, with stolen Aadhaar numbers helping criminals trace bank details and PAN information in minutes.

The web thickens in Bengaluru, where raids on two fake companies uncovered 25–30 SIM cards, 15 phones, drugs, and a money-laundering trail routed through online bank accounts created using forged IDs. These SIMs were being used to funnel illegal transactions.

With the scam spiralling, the new Telecom Act 2023 caps the number of SIMs per ID at 9, down from 45. Violators now face Rs 50,000 fines for the first offence and Rs 2 lakh thereafter. Police are urging citizens to check their Aadhaar-linked SIMs through the Sanchar Saathi app. —BMB



BM published a story 'Card games people play' on November 30, 2025, narrating how such SIMs lead to identity theft



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Typing trouble

Congress MLC Channaraj Hattiholi stirred a brief buzz when he mistakenly referred to DK Shivakumar as “Chief Minister” in a post on his X account while welcoming him at Sambra airport in Belagavi last week. The slip later deleted, was quickly replaced with the corrected “Deputy CM DK Shivakumar” after Hattiholi clarified that his X account is managed by others and the typo occurred during routine posting. Responding to the incident, he insisted it was an inadvertent error and immediately rectified. His siter and Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar added that all posts from Hattiholi’s account are handled by a dedicated team and the party leadership itself is not involved in publishing, describing it as a simple oversight. The episode caught attention during Assembly proceedings, with opposition deputy leader Aravind Bellad demanding clarification, though no formal discussion followed.

‘Real opposition’ leader

Ousted BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal created a stir in the Assembly when he demanded a seat next to the Deputy Speaker, asserting he is the “real opposition leader” and not just an ordinary member. Expressing displeasure at being placed further back despite his seniority, Yatnal said,

“There is a tradition of giving front-row seats to frequent winners, so we too should be allotted seats where deemed appropriate. I had requested this last time as well.” Speaker UT Khader responded that political seniority does not determine seating: “In politics, there are no seniors or juniors; only those with office or without. Yatnal countered with a smile, saying, “We are committed workers, not just occasional attendees. In this House, the true opposition leader is me. I don’t go running to the CM’s office or begging ministers. Therefore, I should be allowed a seat next to the Deputy Speaker.”

Leadership tussle

The leadership tussle in the state continues to make headlines, with CM Siddaramaiah’s son and MLC Yathindra asserting his confidence that his father will remain Chief Minister for the full five-year term, dismissing any change as the high command has not approved Deputy CM DK Shivakumar’s alleged ambitions. In an offbeat counter, Shivakumar’s confidantes hinted that the final word could emerge by January, suggesting Shivakumar may yet assume the top post, keeping both camps on edge.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

‘Naati’ banter

In a lighthearted exchange at the Assembly premises in Belagavi recently, CM Siddaramaiah jokingly advised opposition leader R Ashok to “eat naati (rural) chicken, nothing will happen.” During a face-to-face meeting near the Speaker’s chamber, Siddaramaiah asked Ashok why he had grown thin, to which Ashok replied he had stopped eating ‘naati’ chicken like the CM. Responding with his trademark humour, Siddaramaiah insisted it was safe to continue, recalling his recent breakfast of nati chicken sambar at Deputy CM DK Shivakumar’s residence, leaving the lawmakers chuckling over the offbeat interaction.

Liver funding

In a recent legislature discussion, non-partisan legislators urged the government to allocate 20% of excise revenue for treating liver diseases caused by alcohol consumption. BJP legislators, including KS Naveen, specifically requested funding for patients suffering from liver cirrhosis and jaundice. The Excise Minister RB Thimmapur responded in writing that due to a decline in beer sales—195.27 lakh cartons sold until

September compared to 47.46 lakh fewer than last year—the excise revenue is being channelled to approved budget programmes and cannot be diverted for treatment of alcohol-related liver ailments. Opposition members criticised the move, claiming it indirectly encourages higher alcohol consumption, while ruling party leaders defended the government, noting public health initiatives and hospital development are already in place for citizen welfare.

Blind faith

n Ballari, a Class 8 student walked into her FA-4 exam with a cloth tied firmly around her eyes and wrote all six papers without once lifting the blindfold. Himabindu has trained herself in what locals call the ‘Gandhari’ technique, a skill she learnt online to identify people and objects by touch, smell and sound. Her parents say she had struggled with studies in Class 4, and friends suggested this method would boost memory and keep her active. They insist it worked because she now tops her class. Her unusual exam day stunt left teachers baffled and classmates whispering, but Himabindu simply walked out with the same calm she walked in, as if blindfolded exams were the most ordinary thing in the world.

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Regulations banning single-use plastics not effective enough

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to chronic health problems or death if not treated promptly.

Despite regulations banning single-use plastics, enforcement remains weak. Daily household and commercial waste is still dumped on roadsides, while municipal collection schedules fail to remove accumulated garbage in time. Rotting food, hard chapatis, and discarded packaging combine into a lethal mix for the city’s stray cattle. Experts warn that the problem is compounded by a lack of awareness among citizens, who often underestimate the consequences of careless disposal.

Veterinary specialists at Bengaluru’s Super Speciality Veterinary Hospital stress that the consequences are severe. Dr. T Chandrashekhar, Deputy Director,

noted the recent 8 kg plastic removal as a “wake-up call for the city”. Stray cattle suffering from ingested plastic exhibit bloating, constipation, and extreme discomfort, sometimes going days without proper digestion. These conditions often require surgical intervention, placing a burden on veterinary services and highlighting the urgent need for preventive measures.

Growing numbers

Bengaluru alone houses approximately 1.52 lakh cows alongside thousands of other livestock, according to 2019 records. While updated 2024 figures are yet to be officially released, the city’s cattle population continues to grow, feeding on streets and alleys strewn with waste. The combination of high cattle density and mismanaged trash is a ticking time bomb,

threatening road safety, public hygiene, and animal life.

Experts argue that immediate interventions are required: strict enforcement of plastic bans, timely garbage collection, public awareness campaigns, and community cooperation in keeping streets clean. “Each animal and human shares the city’s ecosystem, and neglecting this balance risks escalating health hazards and tragic fatalities. Bengaluru’s twin crisis of stray cattle and plastic waste is no longer just an environmental concern; it has become a pressing public safety emergency. This latest episode demands the urgent need for citizens and authorities to rethink waste disposal, animal management, and urban responsibility before more lives; human and animal alike are put in jeopardy,” said Priya Kumar, an animal rights activist.

This refund comes with cuts

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Several users shared screenshots of refund breakdowns showing partial refunds. One passenger travelling from Bengaluru to Mumbai pointed out while he got a message stating “full refund” when thousands of rupees were deducted without any clear explanation. Another passenger complained that they were asked to check with the travel portal for the remaining amount, even though the airline had cancelled the flight at the last minute.

An entrepreneur from Bengaluru, who had booked a flight on December 5 from Bengaluru to Delhi, was left in the lurch after his flight was cancelled. However, the refund has so far not been initiated. “We booked a flight for my honeymoon and later we were very disappointed when the IndiGo flights were being delayed and cancelled. Ours too was cancelled and we

haven’t yet received a refund. While we have now travelled to another place, I have been closely following up with my refund. I have been told I will get it in six days, but I am still waiting,” he said.

Another passenger said, “Most OTAs are not refunding convenience fees unless passengers call and ask for it. Many feel this adds to the inconvenience and raises ethical concerns. And when we call the travel platform, we have to wait for hours on call and either listen to automated messages or face the inconvenience of the call being disconnected after waiting for hours.”

A passenger took to social media after booking IndiGo tickets worth 43,594 for family travel between December 5 and 13 through a travel portal. Following multiple flight cancellations during the recent IndiGo disruptions, the airline informed the passenger on December 6 that a refund of 38,022

had been initiated, claiming there were no deductions. However, the passenger said the amount had not been received from the travel portal, even though the Civil Aviation Ministry had directed airlines to complete refunds by December 7. The passenger also questioned the difference between the amount paid and the refund initiated, seeking clarity on how much was deducted as convenience fees, seat selection charges and taxes. However, after raising the issue on social media and tagging the required travel aggregators, they got the full refund.

Another passenger flagged that despite IndiGo announcing travel vouchers of up to 10,000 for severely impacted customers between December 3 and 5, and compensation ranging from 5,000 to 10,000 based on flight block time for cancellations within 24 hours of departure, many affected flyers are yet to receive the full amount. The passenger said some people had received only around 2,000 instead.

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All the world is their stage

From Bollywood to Hollywood: Stars who crossed borders

Bollywood's biggest stars have crossed borders to showcase their talent on global screens. From action-packed franchises to heartfelt dramas, these Indian actors have proven that great storytelling has no language. Whether it's Priyanka

Chopra Jonas or Irrfan Khan captivating audiences worldwide, their success opened doors for many others. Let's look at Bollywood actors who brought Indian charm, talent, and authenticity to Hollywood.

-ETimes

Priyanka Chopra Jonas

Priyanka Chopra Jonas is one of India's biggest global stars. She broke boundaries with her lead role in the American TV series 'Quantico'. Later, she appeared in films like 'Baywatch', 'Isn't It Romantic', and 'Love Again'. Priyanka's confidence, versatility, and personality made her a familiar face in Hollywood. She perfectly transitioned from Bollywood hits like 'Fashion' and 'Barfi!' to international stardom, representing Indian talent on the world stage.



Irrfan Khan

The late Irrfan Khan remains one of the most respected Indian actors to have worked in Hollywood. Known for 'The Namesake', 'Life of Pi', 'Slumdog Millionaire', and 'Jurassic World', he brought quiet power and realism to every role. His ability to connect emotionally transcended boundaries. Irrfan's Hollywood career was artistry. He showed that Indian actors could lead stories with depth, can reach the global stages.



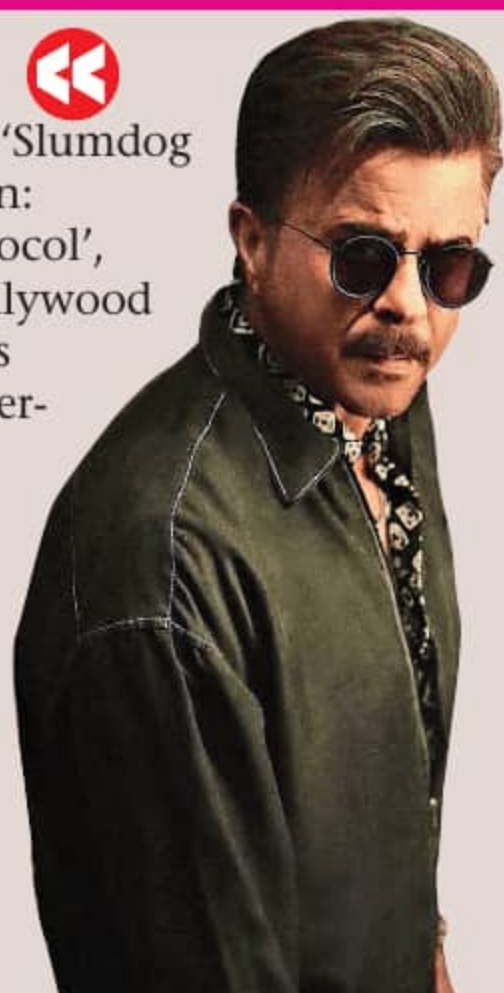
Anupam Kher

Anupam Kher's journey from Indian cinema to Hollywood is remarkable. He appeared in acclaimed films like 'Silver Linings Playbook', 'The Big Sick', and 'Bend It Like Beckham'. Known for his effortless acting and emotional depth, Kher has built a respected international reputation. From mentoring roles to heartfelt characters, his performances touch audiences everywhere. With decades of experience and unmatched versatility he is proving himself.

Anil Kapoor



Anil Kapoor, known for 'Slumdog Millionaire' and 'Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol', successfully brought Bollywood talent to Hollywood. His energy and consistent performances earned him international fame. Anil's career demonstrates that age and experience are no barriers to global recognition. He remains a role model for Indian actors aiming to reach international audiences.



Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan starred in Hollywood films like 'Bride & Prejudice', 'The Pink Panther 2', and 'The Mistress of Spices'. Her grace, beauty, and strong performances made her an international icon. She successfully blended Bollywood aura with Hollywood storytelling, opening doors for Indian actresses abroad.

Aishwarya's global presence shows that talent combined with elegance can cross borders.

Alia Bhatt



Alia Bhatt made her Hollywood debut with 'Heart of Stone' opposite Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornan. The talented actress, known for her expressive performances in 'Raazi' and 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', brought her trademark intensity to the action thriller. Alia's entry into

Hollywood marks a new era for young Bollywood stars going global. With her natural acting style and global fan base, she's ready to bridge Indian storytelling with international cinema.



Deepika Padukone

Deepika Padukone made her Hollywood debut alongside Vin Diesel in 'xXx: Return of Xander Cage', the third instalment of in 'xXx franchises'. Known for her elegance and powerful screen presence, she impressed global audiences with her action-packed role. Deepika's Hollywood stint proved she could blend seamlessly into international cinema while staying rooted in her Indian movies. From 'Padmaavat' to 'Pathaan', she continues to rule Bollywood and expand her horizons worldwide.



Method acting



Upcoming actress Geetha Priya believes that hard work pays dividends and improving her skills is essential to continue acting in more movies that can have an impact in the society. Geetha Priya debuted with 'Thayavva' and the post-production works of her second movie 'Aparichite' are in progress.

"I have made all efforts to meet the expectations of audiences. I may have made a few mistakes in my first film 'Thayavva', but I am determined to follow the script even though the movie is backed by my better half. I play a primary school teacher in the movie," she said.

She said that her association with an educational institute established by her husband made it easy for her to play a teacher's role. "I was part of the shooting for 12 days. The shooting was held at Ramanagar. It was tough for me to walk on the rocky terrain as I had a hip fracture when I was 38 years old. School children, who were part of the shooting, were naturals before the camera," she said.

Negative shade



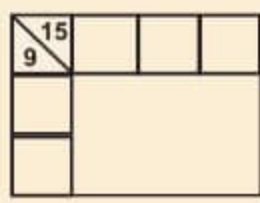
Manoranjana, the son of actor, director, and producer V Ravichandran, is playing a negative role in 'Kounteya'. Manoranjan is known for his films 'Saheba', 'Brihaspathi', 'Mugilpete', and 'Prarambha'. While his fans are wondering why their favourite star agreed to play a negative role, the movie's team has decided not to reveal any reasons for this choice. The shooting of 'Kounteya' is in progress in and around Mysuru. As of now, 70 percent of the movie's shooting is completed.

Veteran character actor Achyuth Kumar will play a key role in the movie. Ananya Rajasekhar is paired opposite Manoranjan. 'Kounteya' is her maiden movie as a heroine and she is happy to get a chance to play the female lead. Priyanka Thimmesh is playing the role of an Assistant Commissioner of Police. Sharanya Shetty is also playing a key role while Achyuth Kumar plays her father's role.

The movie is supported by Suresh Kumar under the Sri Mahakali Pictures banner while BK Chandrahasa is handling the megaphone.

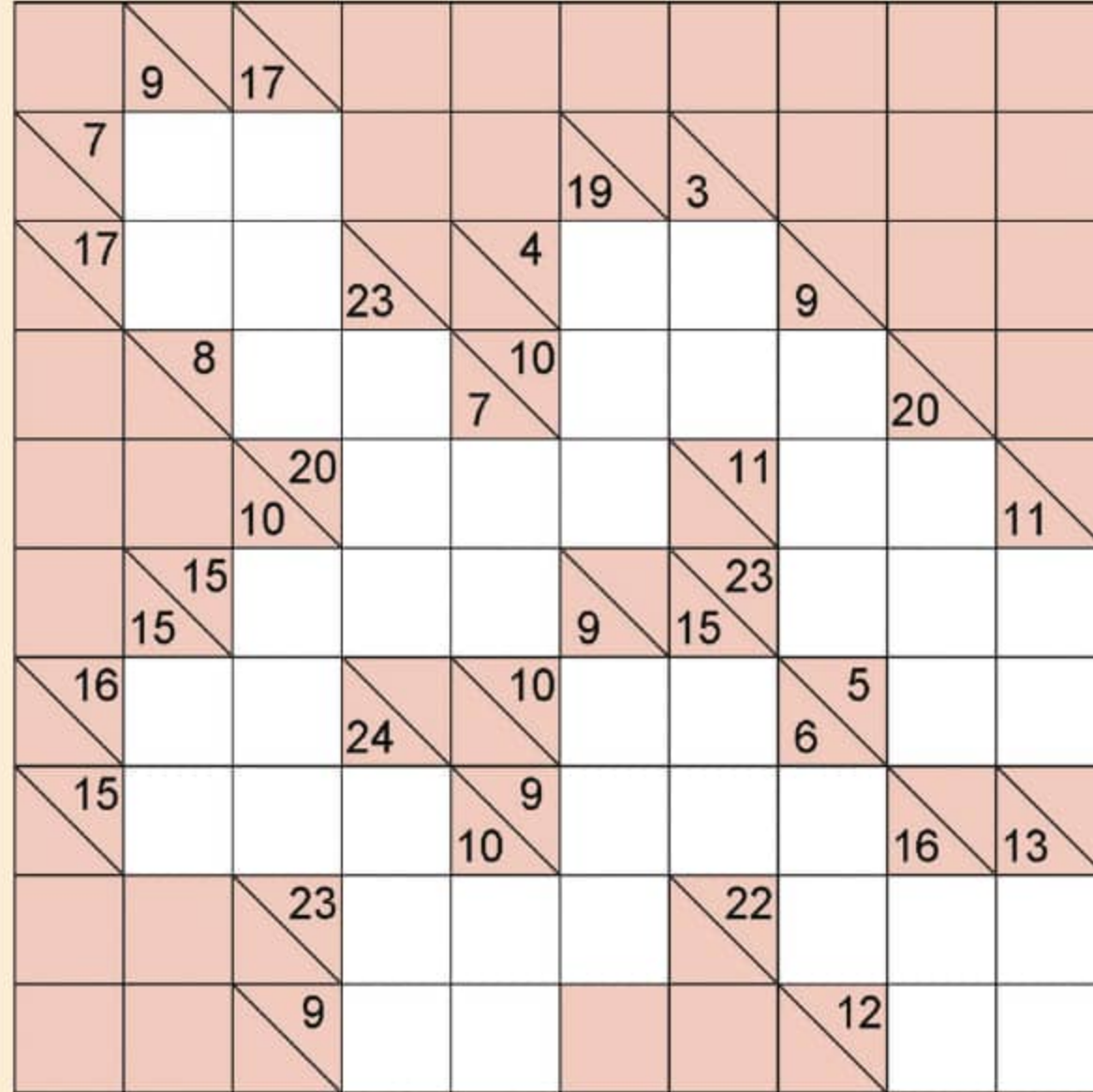
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

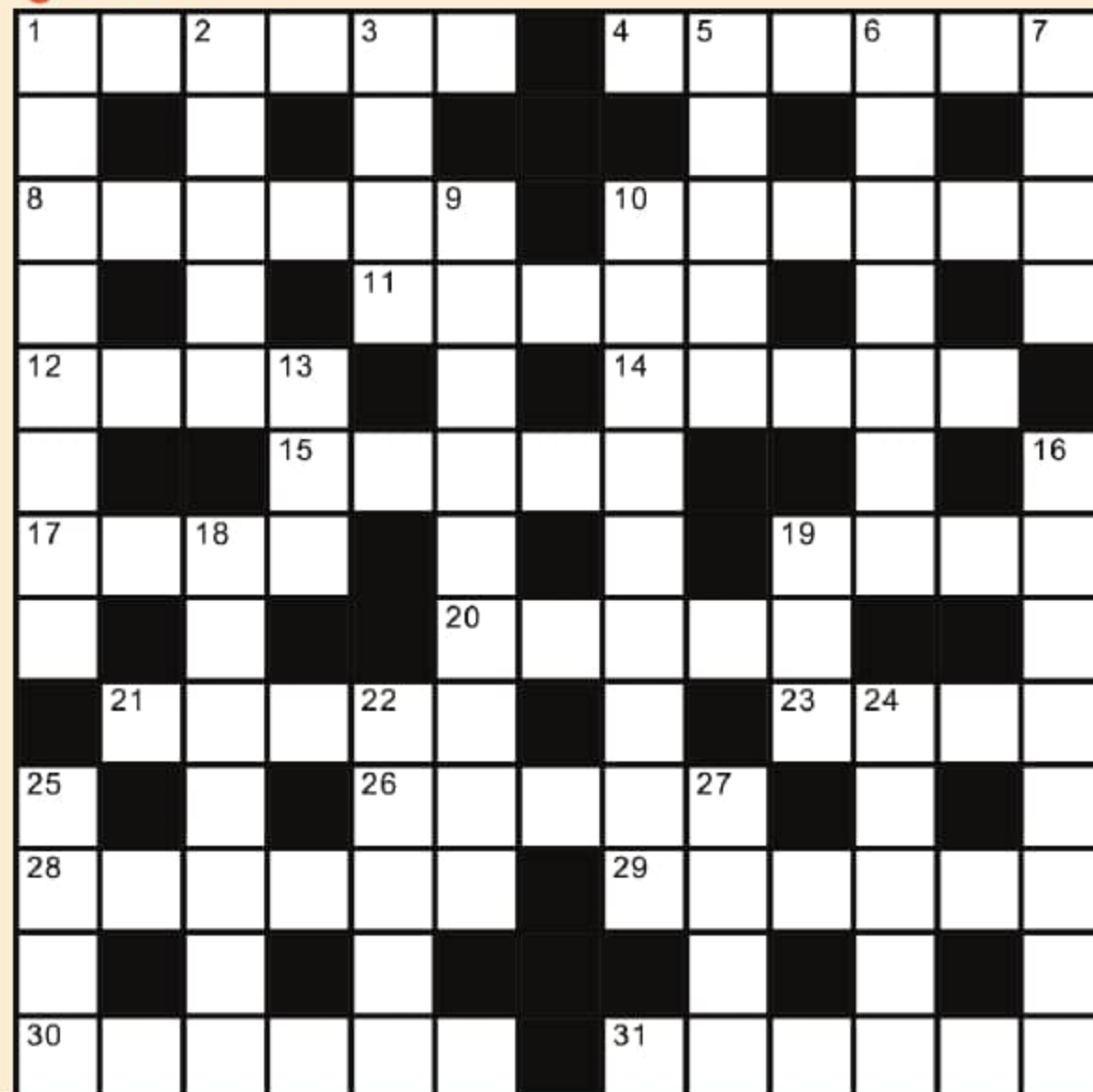


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Member of a strictly orthodox Muslim sect (6)
- 4 Extortionate money-lender (6)
- 8 Exercises (6)
- 10 Railway shunting track (6)
- 11 Ex-South Africa captain Pollock (5)
- 12 Duty-roster (4)
- 14 Inclines against (5)
- 15 Intimidate (5)
- 17 Mythical sea monsters (4)
- 19 Mt. Rushmore state (1,3)
- 20 Thick, compact (5)
- 21 A plant with aromatic seeds used in seasoning (5)
- 23 Price exacted (4)
- 26 Tester (5)
- 28 ___ clear of : takes care to avoid ? (6)
- 29 Natural gift (6)

DOWN

- 30 Lightweight hat (6)
- 31 Titbit (6)
- 1 Famous battle (8)
- 2 Set ones ___ on : want eagerly (5)
- 3 Storage containers (4)
- 5 A fishing net; a river (5)
- 6 Ruled (7)
- 7 Latvian capital (4)
- 9 Takes upon oneself (9)
- 10 Area famous for its invitation card shops (9)
- 13 Some promos (3)
- 16 Skin-and-bone (8)
- 18 To doom (7)
- 19 Collection (3)
- 22 Stroke strings (5)
- 24 Six-ball sequences (5)
- 25 Immediately, in short. (4)
- 27 The famous diamond-studded Swiss watch? (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: O EQUALS T
 CJRRO QRV OJU TRRL NLE YQ
 ZRX TYCC ZRX BYSS COYSS AU
 NTRLW OJU CONV.



Linemaro

If kisses were snowflakes, I'd send you a blizzard



Mindchow

Life must be lived forwards, but can only be understood backwards



Joke of the day

Sign at an Italian hotel: This hotel is renowned for its piece and solitude. In fact, crowds from all over the world flock here to enjoy its solitude

Loop

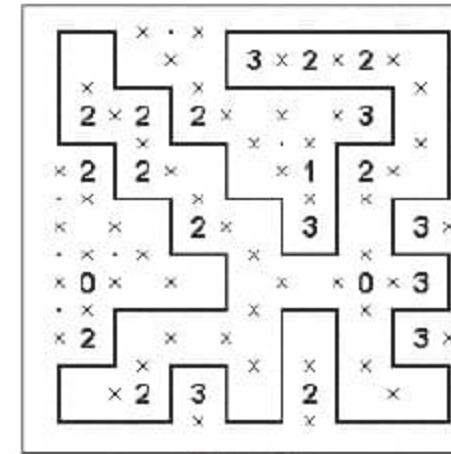
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

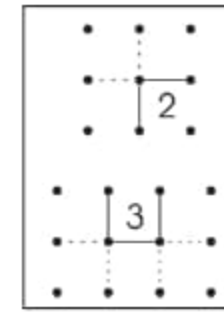
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

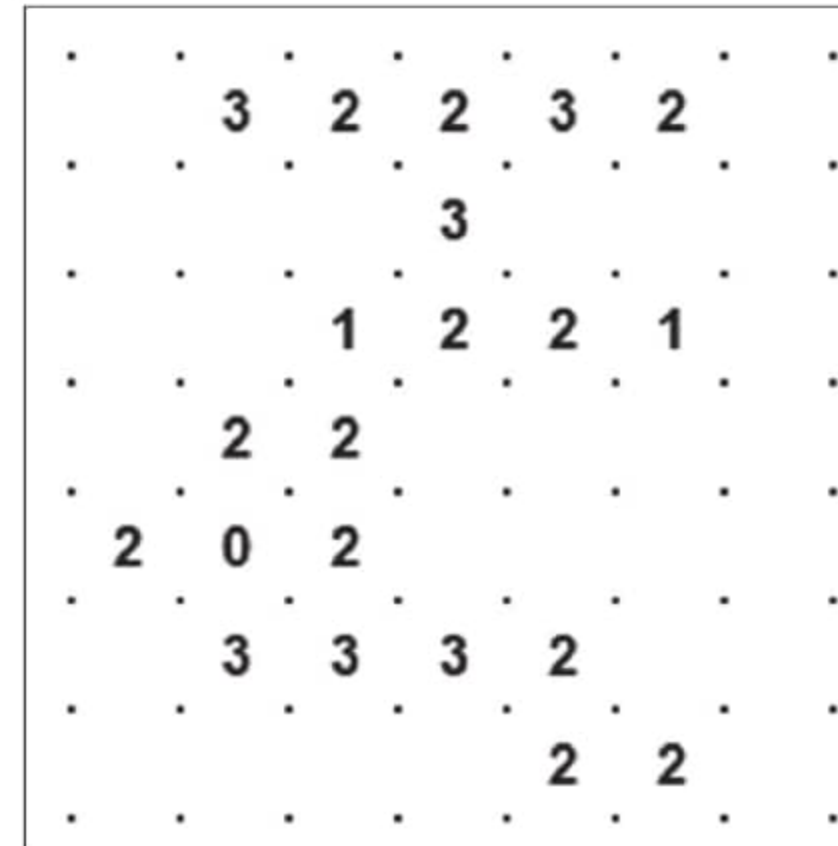
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



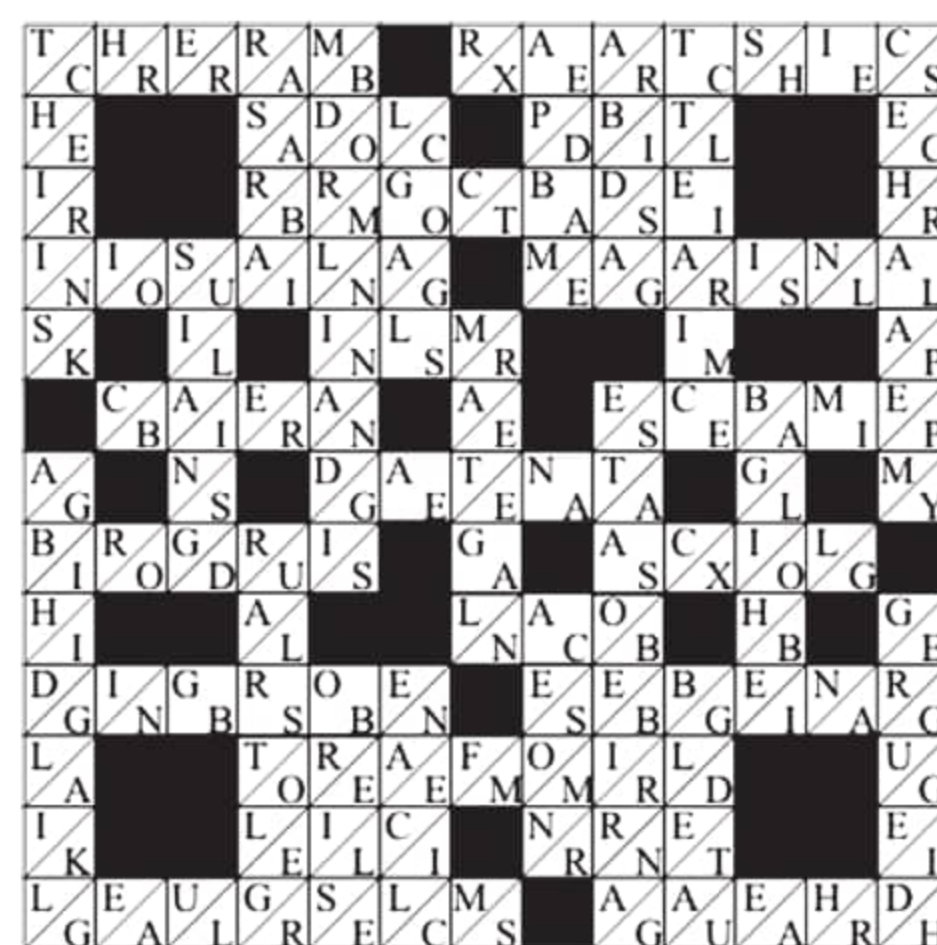
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



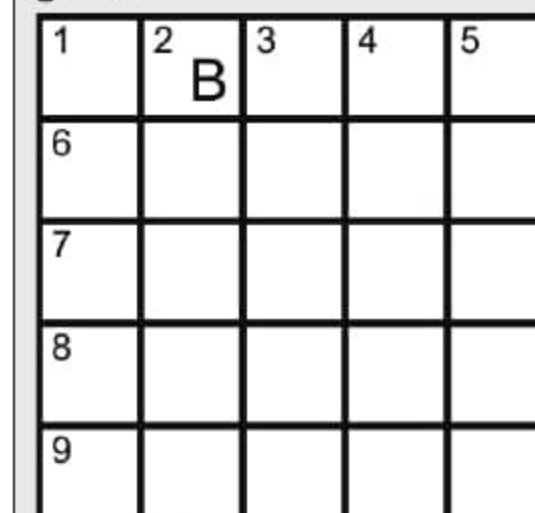
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

- 1 A be us; 6 Beads;
- 7 In yeg; 8 Nonet;
- 9 Gaurs

DOWN

- 1 Beats; 2 A buoy;
- 3 Suing; 4 An ens;
- 5 Greed

Mensapuzzle

Which number completes this sequence?

123

117

108

99

100



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

= 20

= 24

Medium

= 24

Hard

= 28



= 28

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



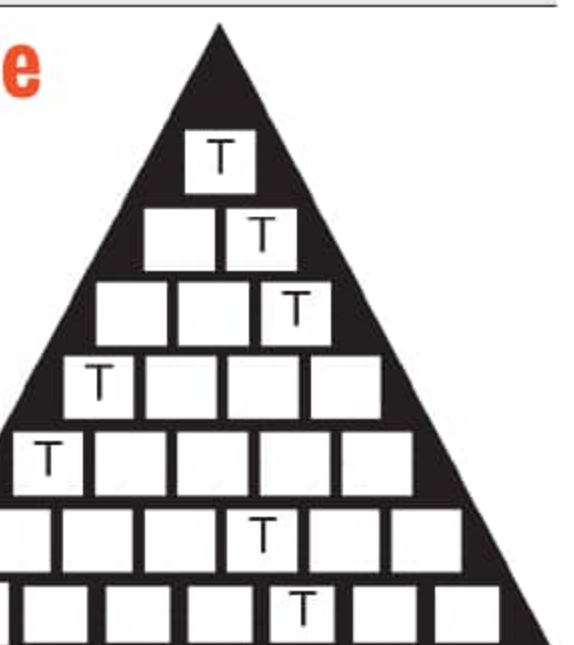
Differences: 1. Arm is not showing; 2. Pocket is added to moved; 5. Board is missing; 6. Wheelbarrow handle is higher; 7. Ladder rungs is missing; 8. Shovel is

Complete the words so that the last 2 letters of the first word are the first 2 letters of the second word, and the last 2 letters of the second word are the first 2 letters of the third word, etc. The last 2 letters of the tenth word are the first 2 letters of the first word, thus completing the circle.
 I R _ _ D U _ _ P I _ _ B A _ _ M P _ _ N G _ _
 _ _ _ _ O L _ _

Alpha triangle

- 1 Tonne, abbr.
- 2 tu Brute ...
- 3 Mesh
- 4 Care for
- 5 Adjusted the dial
- 6 Searched for
- 7 Inhabited by ghosts

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Popeye



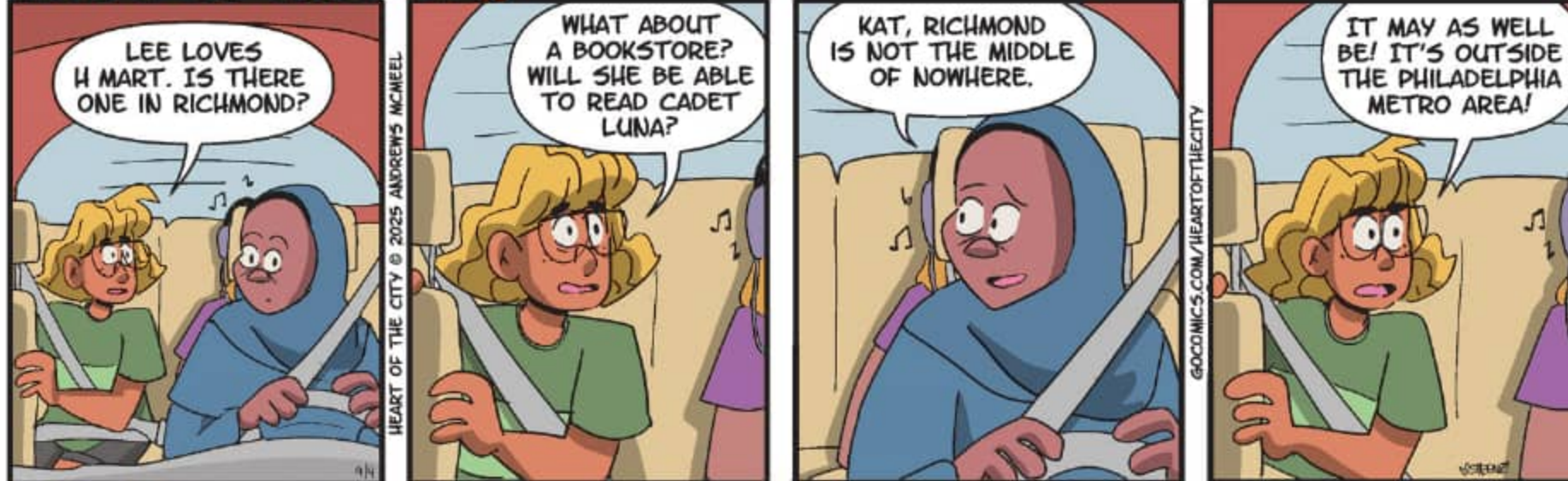
Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR



If it's your birthday today

Today tests your patience with slower processes. While you prefer rapid advancement, recognise that some seeds require time to sprout. Connect with an older, established figure for advice on perseverance. Their steady wisdom will calm your urge to rush forward prematurely. Slow and steady truly wins the race when mastery is the ultimate aim.

Aries Mar 21-Apr 20

Focus on your health through balanced eating and regular exercise. Amidst work, take moments for reflection. In love, relationships facing tension may see uplifting signs and emotional understanding today.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Recognition arrives for your work in sales or marketing. It's a favourable day for smart investments. Financial growth and stability empower your confidence and future ambitions beautifully.



Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 22

Your creativity shines as you lead confidently at work. Home offers relaxation and joy with loved ones. Embrace warmth, laughter, and gratitude in your cozy, rejuvenating environment.



Taurus Apr 21-May 20

It's the perfect day to finalise travel plans. A refreshing change of scenery re-energises you. Promising business opportunities arise, filling your heart with motivation, optimism, and well-deserved satisfaction.



Virgo Aug 24-Sep 23

Unexpected romance could brighten your day, embrace it with an open heart. Academic or learning goals gain momentum. Good health and renewed motivation inspire confidence in every aspect today.



Capricorn Dec 23-Jan 20

Romantic energy flows smoothly today, bringing heartwarming progress. Professionally, your structured mindset enhances efficiency. Productivity rises, helping you balance ambition with emotional satisfaction effortlessly.



Gemini May 21-Jun 21

Minor home conflicts ease through calm communication and open-mindedness. Work will be packed, demanding focus and organisation. Stay adaptable, listen patiently, and success will follow.



Libra Sep 24-Oct 22

You'll crave freshness in your surroundings, embrace creative redecorating. Practise flexibility in domestic matters to maintain harmony. Aesthetic changes bring balance and inspiration.



Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

Finances look strong today, ideal for savings or investments. Use this momentum to secure your future. Practical planning and wise decision-making bring you lasting confidence and peace.



Cancer Jun 22-July 23

Expect encouraging financial news, possibly from a client or project. Professional progress feels rewarding, yet emotional peace matters; take time for meditation to restore your mind's clarity and calm.



Scorpio Oct 23-Nov 22

Focus on your wellbeing; seek help if necessary. If considering a career change, today supports taking initiative. Confidence grows as you step courageously toward your professional transformation.



Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

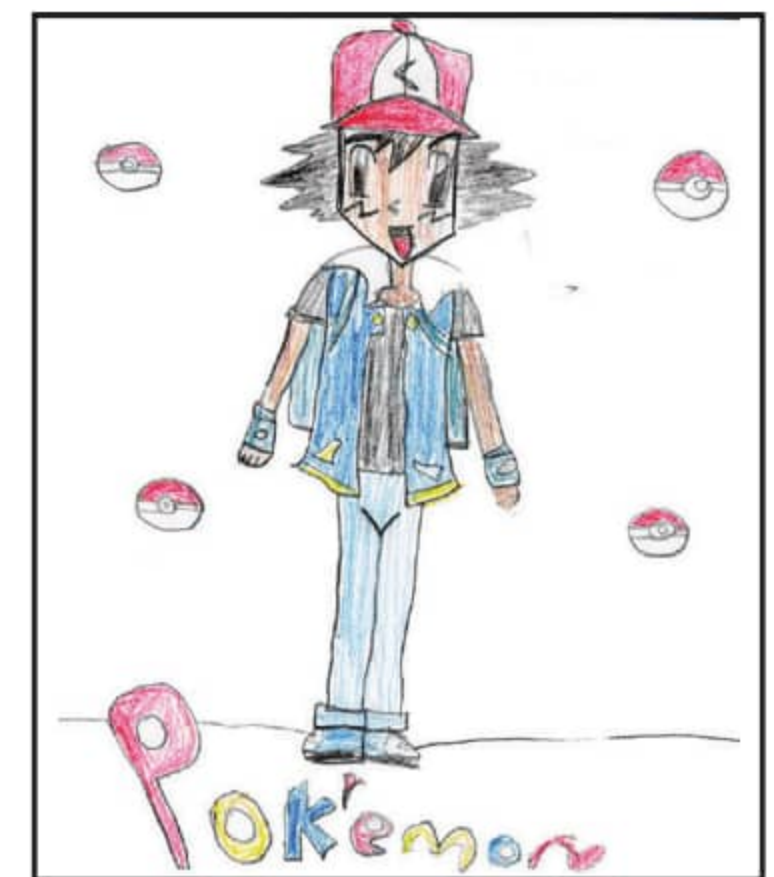
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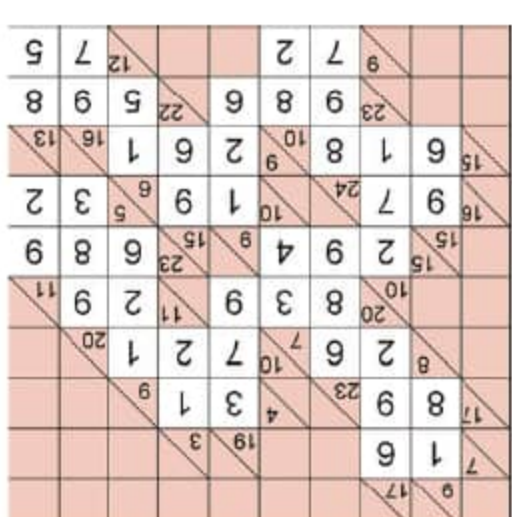
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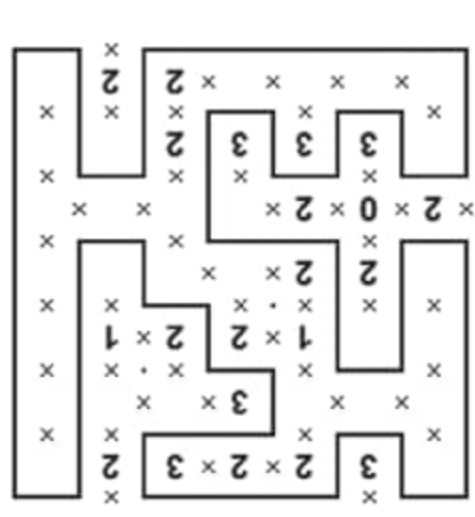
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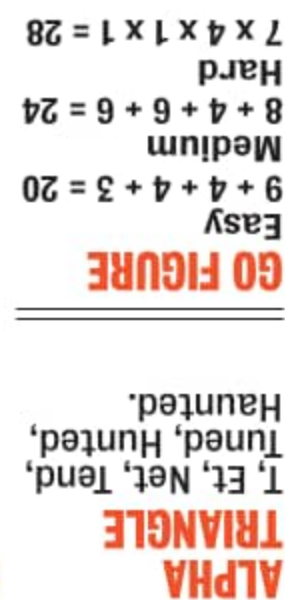
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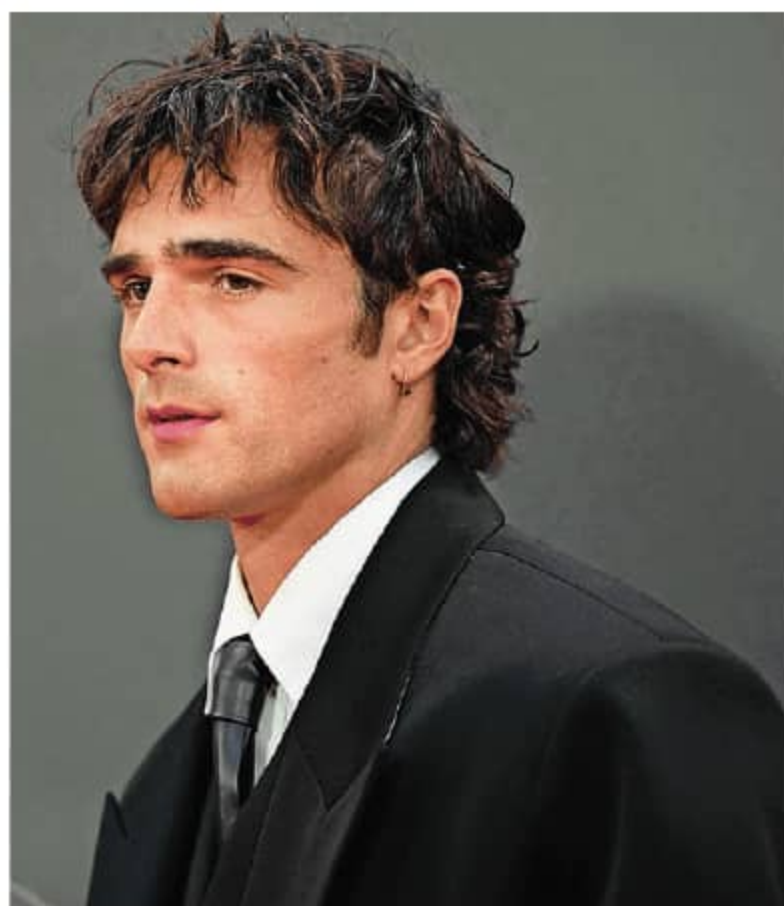
Jacob fumes at paps

Jacob Elordi, the Australian actor known for films like 'Saltburn' and 'Frankenstein,' recently had an unpleasant conversation with a photographer in a near-empty station in Paris. The 28-year-old seemingly looked annoyed as he strived to keep a low profile during international travel.

When he entered the Gare du Nord station, the cameraman filmed the actor walking the entire route to the lift. As they approached, the photographer said, "Jacob, we love you." With a

displeased face, Elordi removed his earphones and said, "You make it really hard for me to live." While the man repeated that he loved the actor, the 'Euphoria' actor cited, "I don't love you. You make it really hard for me to live," as per People magazine. The fans in the comment section quickly expressed their mixed views about the matter, where some acknowledged the actor's emotions, while others questioned why he could not have been humble.

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Messi mania

Football legend Lionel Messi has arrived in Mumbai as a part of his G.O.A.T. Tour. And now, Kareena Kapoor Khan has met the football superstar at the venue with her kids, Taimur Ali Khan and Jehangir Ali Khan.

Kareena Kapoor Khan had earlier posted a picture with her kids, Taimur Ali Khan and Jehangir Ali Khan. In the picture, the kids were seen donning the jerseys with "Messi" and "Argentina" written on them. And now,



pictures of the actress posing with Lionel Messi, along with her kids, have been doing rounds on the internet.

For the occasion, the actress decided to go with a formal avatar in a khaki brown coat with embroidered elephants on the sides and a matching midi skirt. —IANS

STOP ONLINE BULLYING

Sonakshi urges strict laws to curb targeting of people on the internet



Sonakshi Sinha recently raised her voice against growing online attacks targeting actors and movie critics. The actress urged strict cyber laws to curb such actions on the internet. She expressed that the thing that troubles her the most these days is online targeting.

Sonakshi recently attended an event in Mumbai, and a video from the same has been doing the rounds on the internet. In the clip, she can be seen saying, "The thing that troubles me is this open attack on people online."

She added, "I think that is something that we should all work towards putting an end to and try to figure out a solution to

that... that anyone can sit anywhere and say anything about you, and there's not much people can do about... I feel we need to have strict laws to control it and keep a check on it."

Recently, several critics who called out Ranveer Singh's 'Dhurandhar' for showing hypermasculinity and much more faced backlash on the internet. One of them had to take down the review video after the same.

On the work front, Sonakshi made her debut in Telugu cinema this year. She starred in the film 'Jatadhara', directed by Abhishek Jaiswal and Venkat Kalyan. The movie featured Sudheer Babu as the lead.

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